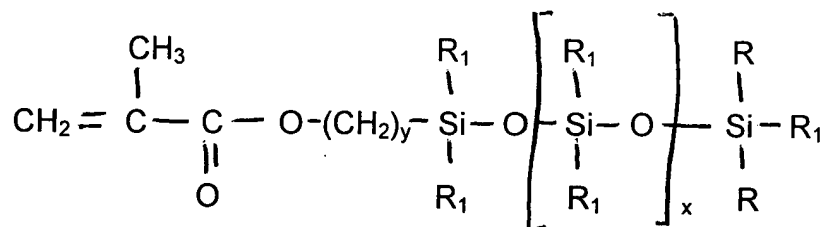


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw claims 1-13, 16, 17, 19 and 20 without prejudice before calculation of fees.

Claims 1-13 (Withdrawn)

Claim 14. (Currently amended) A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions produced through the polymerization of one or more macromonomers



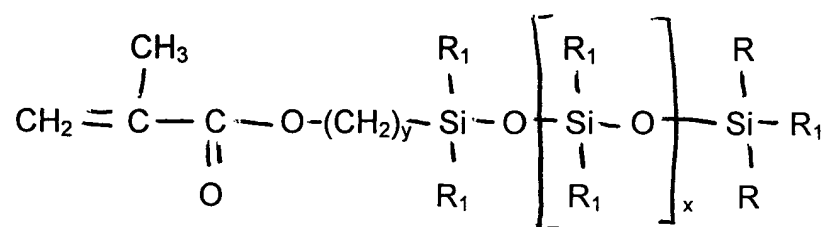
wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;
R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y
is a natural number, of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 comprising:

casting one or more polymeric compositions in the form of a rod;

lathing or machining said rod into disks; and

lathing or machining said disks into ophthalmic devices.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions produced through the polymerization of one or more macromonomers



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;
R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y
is a natural number, of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 comprising:

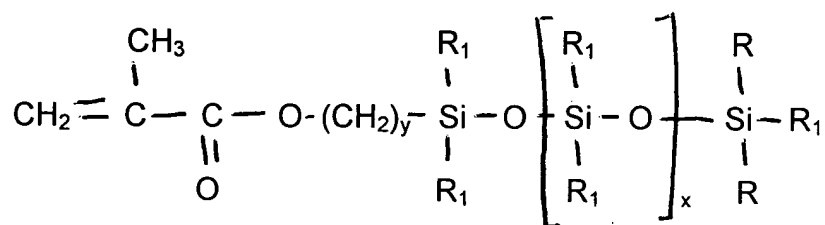
pouring one or more polymeric compositions into a mold prior to curing;
curing said one or more polymeric compositions; and
removing said one or more polymeric compositions from said mold
following curing thereof.

Claims 16 and 17 (Withdrawn)

Claim 18 (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, ~~or 15~~, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 or 26 wherein said ophthalmic device is a contact lens.

Claims 19 and 20 (Withdrawn)

Claim 21. (Re-presented formerly dependent claims 14 and 7): A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions produced through the polymerization of one or more macromonomers



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;

R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y

is a natural number, ~~of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9~~ with one or more non-siloxy aromatic-

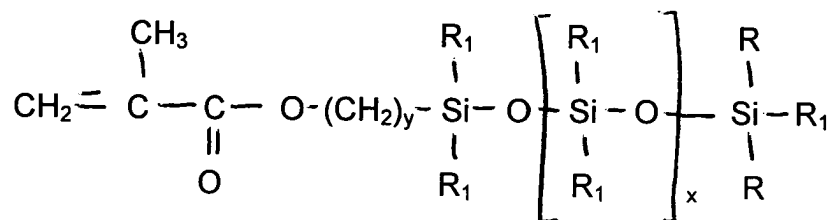
based monomers comprising:

casting one or more polymeric compositions in the form of a rod;

lathing or machining said rod into disks; and

lathing or machining said disks into ophthalmic devices.

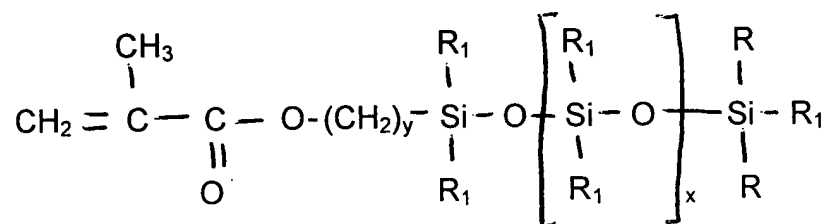
Claim 22. (Re-presented formerly dependent claims 14 and 8): A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions produced through the polymerization of one or more macromonomers



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;
R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y
is a natural number, -of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 with one or more non-aromatic-based
hydrophobic monomers comprising:

- casting one or more polymeric compositions in the form of a rod;
- lathing or machining said rod into disks; and
- lathing or machining said disks into ophthalmic devices.

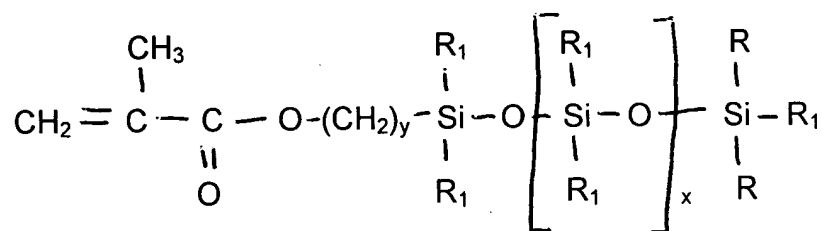
Claim 23. (Re-presented formerly dependent claims 14 and 9): A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions produced through the polymerization of one or more macromonomers



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;
R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y
is a natural number, of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 with one or more non-aromatic-based
hydrophilic monomers comprising:

- casting one or more polymeric compositions in the form of a rod;
- lathing or machining said rod into disks; and
- lathing or machining said disks into ophthalmic devices.

Claim 24. (Re-presented formerly dependent claims 15 and 7): A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions produced through the polymerization of one or more macromonomers



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;

R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y

is a natural number, of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 with one or more non-siloxy aromatic-based monomers comprising:

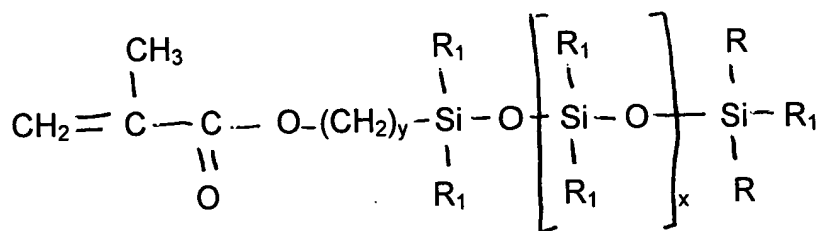
pouring one or more polymeric compositions into a mold prior to curing;

curing said one or more polymeric compositions; and

removing said one or more polymeric compositions from said mold

following curing thereof.

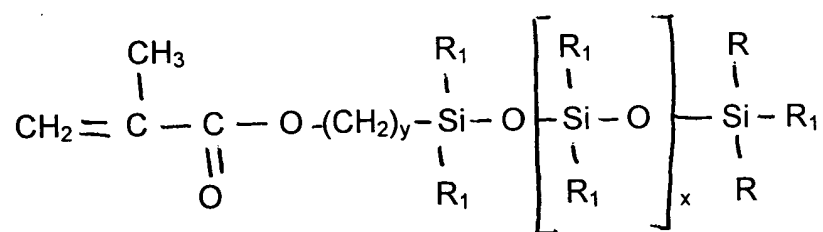
Claim 25. (Re-presented formerly dependent claims 15 and 8): A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions produced through the polymerization of one or more macromonomers



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;
R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y
is a natural number, of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 with one or more non-aromatic-based
hydrophobic monomers comprising:

pouring one or more polymeric compositions into a mold prior to curing;
curing said one or more polymeric compositions; and
removing said one or more polymeric compositions from said mold
following curing thereof.

Claim 26. (Re-presented formerly dependent claims 15 and 9): A method of producing ophthalmic devices from the polymeric compositions produced through the polymerization of one or more macromonomers



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;
R₁ is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y
is a natural number, of claim 6, 7, 8 or 9 with one or more non-aromatic-based
hydrophilic monomers comprising:

pouring one or more polymeric compositions into a mold prior to curing;
curing said one or more polymeric compositions; and
removing said one or more polymeric compositions from said mold
following curing thereof.

Should there be any questions regarding this preliminary amendment,
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Respectfully submitted,

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